

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claim Objections

Applicants have amended the list of claims submitted in the December 29, 2006 amendment to accurately depict the proper status identifiers for each claim. Specifically, applicants have removed an inadvertent typographical error found in the December 29, 2006 amendment for claim 12. This typographical error was not present in the original claim 12, nor was this error submitted at any time as an amendment to claim 12. By deleting the error from the claim, applicants put claim 12 back in its "original" form; however, since applicants have had to amend this claim to put it back in its original form, applicants have designated this claim as "currently amended."

The Examiner has further requested that applicants withdraw newly added claims 47-52, stating that these claims are non-elected. Applicants withdraw claims 47-52 at this time. Applicants will submit a continuation to continue prosecution on these and other currently non-elected claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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